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SUBJ: ROBERT BOYD NAMED PRESIDENT OF HYDRO-QUEBEC

REF: MONTREAL 1597 (1976)

1. ROBERT BOYD WAS OFFICIALLY NAMED PRESIDENT OF HYDRO-QUEBEC BY PREMIER LEVESQUE YESTERDAY, ENDING SOME WEEKS OF SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF AN OUTSIDER AS SUCCESSOR ROLAND GIROUX WHO STEPPING DOWN AUGUST 9. BOYD HAS BEEN WITH HYDRO FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS, AS VICE-PRESIDENT SINCE MAY 1976.

2. PRESS REPORTS WALL STREET FINANCIAL COMMUNITY GREETED APPOINTMENT "WITH STANDING OVATION." BOYD LONG, WELL, AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO US LENDING INSTITUTIONS. UNNAMED MEMBER OF MONTREAL FINANCIAL CIRCLE QUOTED HOWEVER AS SAYING BOYD "ONE OF BEST ENGINEERS IN COUNTRY BUT WHETHER HE CAN RUN HYDRO - WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE."

3. BOYD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TRY FOLLOW GIROUX (AND HIS OWN) POLICIES OF EXPANDED GROWTH, INCLUDING NUCLEAR PLANTS, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE LONG BEEN SOURCE OF CONFLICT WITH MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. GUY JORON, NEW ENERGY MINISTER, HAS SAME VIEWS ON SUBJECT AS LIBERL PREDECESSOR JEAN COURNOYER AND REPORTEDLY IS AT WORK ON A REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR HYDRO, WITH AN EYE TO BRINGING UTILITY UNDER CLOSER GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL. REPORT SUPPORTED BY LEVESQUE CHARACTERIZATION OF BOYD APPOINTMENT AS "TRANSITIONAL."

4. COMMENT: BOYD APPOINTMENT INDUBITABLY GOOD FROM INVESTMENT STANDPOINT. WHETHER IT MARKS REAL DETERMINATION BY LEVESQUE TO "CARRY THE DAY" IN CAUCUS SEEMS QUESTIONABLE HOWEVER IN VIEW OF TO-BE-PROPOSED REORGANIZATION. ISSUE OF PRACTICALITY VERSUS IDEOLOGY RAPIDLY BECOMING HALLMARK OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATION, AND PREMIER, TO DATE, APPEARS HAVE "CONTROL" PROBLEM IN MOST INSTANCES.

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